aiming for high level of efficiency, equitable distribution and environment protection;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the expected period for implementation of the new policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (c) A Committee to formulate the Energy Policy was constituted by Planning Commission in 1995. The report of the Committee is being finalised. The time frame for implementing the recommendations made by the Committee can be assessed only after receipt of the report.

Availability of power in the country

434. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the power generation in the country has shown a growth of 7.1 per cent over the previous year, which is the highest growth rate in recent years as well as Thermal Power 9.2 per cent, Nuclear Power 10.3 percent;

(b) if so, whether power availability in the country has improved over the previous years and the demand/supply position during 2000-2001 (State-wise and U.T.-wise); and

(c) the steps Government have taken so far to attract large investment in domestic and foreign sectors in order to rationalize the tariffs and remove bottlenecks in power sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) All India catgegory-wise % growth in generation during 1999-2000 over the previous year was as under:

Category	%Growth
Thermal	9.4
Nuclear	10.4
Hydro	(-)2.5
All India	7.2

(b) The energy availability in the country during the period April 2000 to June, 2000 has been 1146.74 MU as compared to 1094.78 MU during the

corresponding period of last year. Thus, there was an increase in energy availability by 4.7%. State/Union Territory-wise power supply position during 2000-2001 (April-June, 2000) is given as statement. (*See* below)

(c) With a view to attract private investment, several steps have been taken over the past few years, which include, *inter-alia*, decentralising the process of according techno-economic clearance and environmental clearance to the extent feasible and also for 100% Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) on the automatic route, etc. With a view to rationalising the tariffs, a two part tariff notification has been issued on 30.3.1992 and amended from time to time. Competitive bidding has been mandatory after 18.1.1995 in the matter of awards of power generation projects to private sector and States have been advised to award EPC contracts through ICB for projects on the MoU route etc.

Statement

Actual Power Supply Position

Region/State	April' 2000 to June' 2000			
System	Requirement	Availability	Shortage	%
NORTHERN REGION				
Chandigarh	287	287	0	0.0
Delhi	4965	4766	199	4.0
Haryana	3970	3939	31	0.8
Himachal Pradesh	752	752	0	0.0
Jammu & Kashmir	1540	1317	223	14.5
Punjab	7120	7100	20	0.3
Rajasthan	6220	5926	294	4.7
Uttar Pradesh	11140	9744	1396	12.5
N.R.	35994	33831	2163	6.0
WESTERN REGION				
Gujarat	13570	12307	1263	9.3
Madhya Pradesh	9136	8303	833	9.1
Maharashtra	19542	17526	2016	10.3
Goa	458	389	69	15.1
W.R.	42706	38525	4181	9.8

Region/State	April' 2000 to June' 2000			
System	Requirement	Availability	Shortage	%
SOUTHERN REGION				
Andhra Pradesh	11095	10080	1015	9.1
Karnataka	7470	6607	863	11.6
Kerala	3351	3091	260	7.8
Tamil Nadu	10614	9542	1072	10.1
S.R.	32530	29320	3210	9.9
EASTERN REGION				
Bihar	2158	2041	117	5.4
D.V.C.	2124	2163	-39	-1.8
Orissa	2672	2830	-158	-5.9
West Bengal	4663	4720	-57	-1.2
E.R.	11617	11754	-137	-1.2
N.E. REGION				
Andhra Pradesh	31.7	31.8	-0.1	-0.3
Assam	698.6	703.5	-4.9	-0.7
Manipur	114.2	112.2	2	1.8
Meghalaya	125.6	150.4	-24.8	-19.7
Mizoram	55.1	56	-0.9	-1.6
Nagaland	51.5	52.5	-1	-1.9
Tripura	134.8	138	-3.2	-2.4
N.E.R.	1211.5	1244.4	-32.9	-2.7
ALL INDIA	124059	114674	9385	7.6

(—) indicates surplus

Twelve percent free of cost power for generating states

†435. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government have made a provision under the policy formulated for hydro power production to make available 12 per cent power free of cost to power generating States;

(b) if so, the annual amount of revenue to be received by Himachal Pradesh

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.